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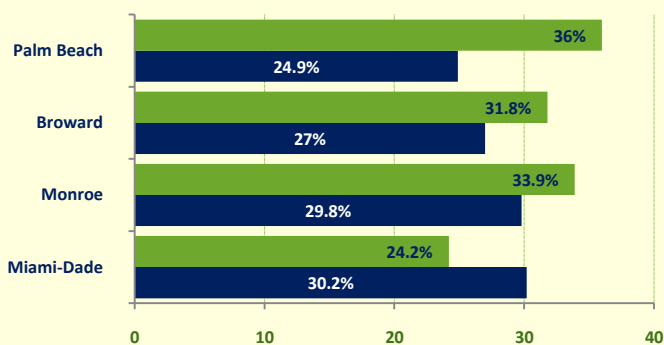ADDRESSING THE INFORMATIONAL NEEDS OF THE MIAMI-DADE COMMUNITY

Uninsured Population in Miami-Dade

Access to healthcare has been a major issue on the national agenda for many years. In 2007, Miami-Dade County ranked seventh statewide, first in South Florida and 101st among the 3,141 counties nationwide by relative size of its uninsured population, according to the recently released 2007 Small Area Health Insurance Estimates (SAHIE) by the U.S. Census Bureau. They provide information on health insurance coverage and access by age, sex and income categories.
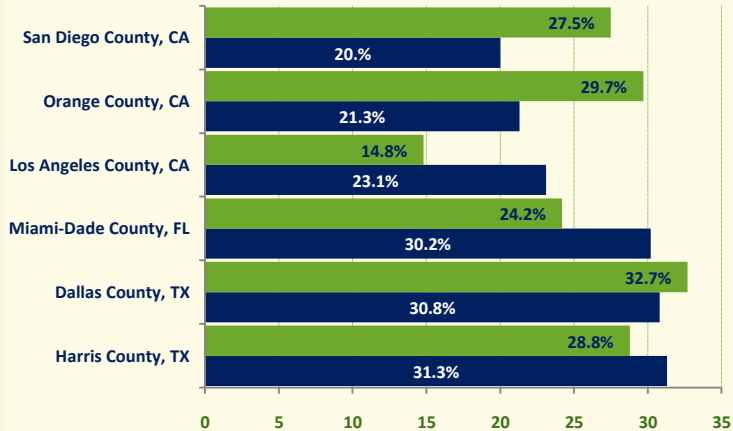
Data revealed that, in 2007, Florida was the third state by relative size of its uninsured population, after Texas and New Mexico. Between 2000 and 2007, the share of uninsured under 65 years in Florida grew from 15.7% to 24.2% causing a worrisome change in the State's ranking from twelfth to third in the nation.

South Florida Counties, 2007

Palm Beach	36% / 24.9%
Broward	31.8% / 27%
Monroe	33.9% / 29.8%
Miami-Dade	24.2% / 30.2%

■ Percent Uninsured of Population Under 19, At or Below 200% of Poverty
■ Percent Uninsured of Population Under 65, All Income Levels

Selected U.S. Counties with Large Population, 2007

San Diego County, CA	27.5% / 20.%
Orange County, CA	29.7% / 21.3%
Los Angeles County, CA	14.8% / 23.1%
Miami-Dade County, FL	24.2% / 30.2%
Dallas County, TX	32.7% / 30.8%
Harris County, TX	28.8% / 31.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. SAHIE. Release July 27,2010.

During this eight-year period, the percent of people under 65 years without health insurance also increased in all Florida counties, except for Hamilton and Dixie counties. The largest increase was noted in Collier (18.3%) and Monroe (16.7%) counties. Population without medical insurance grew by 11% both in Broward and Palm Beach counties.

In 2000, Miami-Dade ranked sixth highest in terms of the percent of uninsured persons among all counties in Florida. By 2007, the situation slightly improved and the County moved down to seventh place. However, the percent of uninsured persons in the County increased, during the period, from 21.5% to 30.2%.

In 2007, 602,864 out of 1,997,665 people under 65 in the County did not have health insurance, the highest level recorded in South Florida. Of all uninsured persons under 65, 322,906 or 53.6% were at or below 200% of the poverty line. Within this subgroup, 51.1% or 165,048 were women.

On a positive side, the County fared well in terms of percentage of uninsured persons aged under 19 years with incomes at or below 200% of the poverty level. In fact, at a rate of 24.2% rate, Miami-Dade had the lowest in South Florida.

Uninsured in Percent of the Population Under 65, All Income Levels

County	2000		2007	
	Percent	Rank in FL	Percent	Rank in FL
DeSoto	22.5	3	37	1
Miami-Dade	**21.5**	**6**	**30.2**	**7**
Monroe	13.1	44	29.8	8
Broward	16	27	27	13
Palm Beach	13.9	38	24.9	23
Dixie	18.9	11	17.8	54

Source: U.S. Census Bureau. SAHIE. Release July 27, 2010.